



What's Developing in Frederick

Frederick Businesses are Putting Down Roots | December 2015

Standing a brawny 6'7" tall, 56 year-old Tim Parker, the outspoken owner of Parker Sheet Metal, cuts an imposing figure that more resembles retired NFL lineman than entrepreneur. Parker, who grew up in Erie, exudes a take-charge persona and dry sense of humor that have helped him build a successful small business of 45 employees, manufacturing and installing the metal duct work used in commercial heating and cooling systems. Ask him what he is up to and he will casually tell you (only half-jokingly) that he is "building America one joint of duct at a time."

Parker Sheet Metal is one of the many prosperous Frederick companies that are expanding their operations to accommodate the rapid regional growth that began around the year 2000 and let up only briefly during the recent recession. Frederick's strategic location and the local government's "open for business" motto are just a couple of the town's traits that are not only attracting companies, but keeping them.

"I picked Frederick because it is located in the middle between Denver and Fort Collins," Parker said of the town's prime location. Indeed, 3.2 million people – all potential customers – live within an hour's drive of Frederick proper.

Source Gas, which provides natural gas and related services to about 425,000 customers in Arkansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming, and Longmont United Hospital, which serves a population of about 350,000 in Boulder, Larimer and Weld Counties are other local fixtures that have put down roots and are opting to stay put and grow right here in town.

In January 2014, Longmont United Hospital expanded its service area into Frederick, opening the doors to phase one of the Indian Peaks Medical Center on the north side of State Highway 52 east of its intersection with Interstate 25. "With the rapid growth of the Frederick area and Longmont United's commitment to providing care locally whenever possible, it made sense," said Peter Powers, Vice President of Operations for the hospital, which owns the 69+ acres on which Indian Peaks sits.

The initial 36,000 square foot facility provides primary care, orthopedic and behavioral health services and is planned to grow in phases over the next decade or two into an expansive health campus boasting 338,000 square feet of hospital and medical office space providing a full range of services, including ambulatory surgery. "The facility grew quickly and surpassed Longmont United's expectations for growth," said Powers.

The next piece of the puzzle is a new emergency and urgent care center, which according to Powers, will provide "24/7/365 days a year access to care," and will be a welcome addition to a community that is about 30 minutes by car from the nearest emergency room. The project is being managed by H&L Architecture, the Denver firm that designed the original building. Town staff is working to complete its review of the plans for the new facility to accommodate a construction schedule that would kick off in early 2016.

"Throughout the process we found the Town of Frederick to be an ideal partner and extremely business-friendly," Powers said about the planning and building permit process in Frederick.

Source Gas is constructing a new 14,190 square-foot facility, just about a quarter-mile from its current location in Glacier Business Park located at the southwest corner of the State Highway 52 intersection with Interstate 25. "Growth, staffing and inventory drove the decision to a new facility," said Mitch Pebley, Source's Colorado Operations Manager, about Source's expansion in the wake of the recent construction boom. "We just outgrew the current lease we had in Frederick."

The new facility will continue to house Source's regional operations for an area of over 32,000 customers consisting of Frederick, Firestone, Dacono and Wellington.



The project is being managed by Burkett Design, a Denver firm. Town staff has been reviewing site plans since August and recently gave the go-ahead to begin grading the site and pouring the foundation for the new building, which should be operational in early 2016.

"We are centrally located here in this region and it makes the most sense to stay here. We try to control our costs to our customers by staying close to the areas we serve," Pebley said about why Source chose to remain in Frederick. Entering its 11th year of operation in Frederick West Business Center, Parker Sheet Metal installs duct systems all over the Front Range. Over the years the business has ballooned from the original skeleton crew of Parker, his wife Tammy, his brother Ted and a handful of helpers to a full staff of 45 employees and its headquarters is simply bursting at the seams.

Sitting on over two acres, the new location will be literally right next door to the current one, and at over 12,000 square feet of shop and office space, it should give Parker the space he needs to continue growing his business right here in Frederick. The Permontes Group, a Longmont firm, is co-managing the project with Parker.

"This new facility will allow us to increase our fabrication productivity and increase our management capabilities for better communications and performance in the future," said Parker of his goals for the new building. Grading and foundation work has already begun and construction should be completed in early 2016.

These three companies are not the only ones that are growing in Frederick. Stay tuned for a new article every month focusing on new development projects in our town. Over the next several months we will be catching you up on new residential and commercial projects, energy development, and how the town is growing through annexation.



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